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1. A hypermedia browser embodied on a computer-readable medium for execution on an information processing device having a limited display area, wherein the hypermedia browser has a content viewing area and is configured to display a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading content.

2. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary graphic element is animated.

3. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing area.

4. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

5. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein:
the temporary graphic element is animated; and
the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

6. An information processing device comprising:
a processor;

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1 a display;

2 a hypermedia browser executing on the processor to load and display
3 content in a content viewing area on the display;

4 wherein the hypermedia browser displays a temporary graphic element over
5 the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading content.

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7 ¹³~~7~~. An information processing device as recited in claim ¹²~~6~~, wherein the
8 temporary graphic element is animated.

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10 ¹⁴~~8~~. An information processing device as recited in claim ¹²~~6~~, wherein the
11 hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the
12 content viewing area.

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14 ¹⁵~~9~~. An information processing device as recited in claim ¹²~~6~~, wherein the
15 hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a temporary
16 window in a windowing operating environment.

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18 ¹⁶~~10~~. An information processing device as recited in claim ¹²~~6~~, wherein:
19 the temporary graphic element is animated; and
20 the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a
21 temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

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16. A computer-readable storage medium containing instructions that
are executable for performing the steps recited in claim ¹⁹11.

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